

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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NEWMARK GROUP, INC., G&E
ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC and BGC
REAL ESTATE OF NEVADA, LLC

Case No. 2:15-cv-00531-RFB-EJY

Plaintiff,

ORDER

V.

AVISON YOUNG (CANADA) INC.;
AVISON YOUNG (USA) INC.; AVISON
YOUNG-NEVADA, LLC, MARK ROSE,
THE NEVADA COMMERCIAL GROUP,
JOHN PINJUV, and JOSEPH KUPIEC; DOES
1 through 5; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES
6 through 10.

Defendants.

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Documents Under Seal. ECF No.

254. No response or opposition to this Motion was filed by Defendants.

As the party seeking to seal a judicial record, Plaintiffs must meet its burden of overcoming the strong presumption in favor of access and public policies favoring disclosure. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that those who seek to maintain the secrecy of documents attached to dispositive motions must meet the high threshold of showing that “compelling reasons” support secrecy). “Many courts have applied the compelling reasons standard to . . . temporary restraining orders.” *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096 n.2 (9th Cir. 2016) (collecting cases); *see also Selling Source, LLC v. Red River Ventures, LLC*, No. 2:09-cv-01491-JCM-GWF, 2011 WL 1630338, at *5 (finding requests for preliminary injunctive relief should be treated as dispositive motions for purposes of sealing court records) (D. Nev. Apr. 29, 2011). The mere fact that the production of records may lead to a party’s embarrassment, incrimination or exposure to further litigation will not alone compel the court to seal its records. *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1136 (9th Cir. 2003). Compelling reasons require a demonstration of something more, such as when court files

1 have become a vehicle for improper purposes, including use of records to gratify private spite,
2 promote public scandal, disseminate libelous statements, or circulate trade secrets. *Nixon v. Warner*
3 *Commc'ns*, 435 U.S. 589, 598 (1978).

4 Plaintiffs' Motion seeks to Seal Exhibits 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 to Plaintiffs' Motion to
5 Compel. Plaintiffs also seek to redact a small portion in the Motion to Compel that contains
6 information derived from the confidential exhibits. The Court has reviewed the Exhibits and the
7 Motion and find good cause to seal as requested. The information at issue is confidential or highly
8 confidential and public disclosure may well lead to improper use.

9 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File
10 Documents Under Seal (ECF No. 254) is GRANTED. Exhibits 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 to Plaintiffs'
11 Motion to Compel shall remain sealed.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs unredacted version of the Motion to Compel
13 (ECF No. 252) shall remain sealed.

14 DATED: March 20, 2020

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17 ELAYNA J. YOUCRAH
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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